



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF THE MINT

Washington, October 24, 1899.

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The Commission is respectfully requested to give its opinion as to whether this substitution can now be made. It is desired to know definitely and for future guidance whether the appointing officer three times rejecting a candidate, the latter, having been

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